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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 115

Introduced by Assembly Member Emmerson

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 115—Relative to California Safe Digging Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 115, as amended, Emmerson. California Safe Digging Month. This measure would proclaim the month of April 2010 as California Safe Digging Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Through education about safe digging practices,
- 2 excavators and homeowners can save time and money and keep
- 3 our nation safe and connected by making a simple call to a three

1 digit telephone number, 811, in advance of any digging project;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Calling 811 to be connected to a One Call Center
4 prior to digging, respecting the marked lines that demarcate
5 underground utilities by maintaining visual definition throughout
6 the course of the excavation, and digging with care around the
7 marked lines will help keep Californians safe and prevent damage
8 and destruction; and

9 WHEREAS, California continues to grow along with the
10 important underground utility infrastructure that the state depends
11 upon; and

12 WHEREAS, The 811 “Call Before You Dig” program is a vital
13 public education and awareness program dealing with the safety
14 of subsurface excavation; and

15 WHEREAS, Every year California’s underground utility
16 infrastructure is jeopardized by unintentional damage caused by
17 those who fail to call 811 to have underground utility lines located
18 and marked prior to digging; and

19 WHEREAS, Undesired consequences, such as service
20 interruption, damage to the environment, personal injury, and even
21 death, are the potential results of failing to call 811 prior to digging
22 and having the utility lines safely marked; and

23 WHEREAS, In California, there are two One Call Centers to
24 call and request the marking of utility line locations prior to
25 digging: the Underground Service Alert of Southern California
26 (USA/SC) and the Underground Service Alert of Northern
27 California and Nevada (USA North); and

28 WHEREAS, In cooperation with its membership, California’s
29 public and private utilities, USA/SC, and USA North provide a
30 free and effective damage prevention service that protects
31 California’s citizens, communities, public services, environment,
32 and underground facilities; and

33 WHEREAS, The services provided by the One Call Centers are
34 at no cost to the caller; and

35 WHEREAS, Both California One Call Centers are associated
36 with the California Regional Common Ground Alliance, which is
37 both a regional partner of the Common Ground Alliance and a
38 member-driven association dedicated to ensuring public safety,
39 environmental protection, and the integrity of services by
40 promoting effective damage prevention practices; and

1 WHEREAS, The free notification service provided by USA/SC
2 and USA North has resulted in a dramatic reduction in the number
3 of accidents causing personal injury and the interruption of vital
4 services; now, therefore, be it

5 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
6 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims the month of
7 April 2010 as California Safe Digging Month; and be it further

8 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
9 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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